

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior version, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A light guide panel comprising:
~~a plate for dispersing light, wherein the plate includes a plurality of optical fibers for dispersing light, the plurality of optical fibers being completely within the plate;~~ and
at least one light-emitting diode (LED) coupled to the plate for providing the dispersed light, wherein when the panel plate is coupled to a keyboard, the at least one LED is located under a portion of the keyboard such that when the at least one LED is illuminated, the light from the at least one LED does not distract a user
2. (original) The light guide panel of claim 1 wherein the portion comprises an opaque portion.
3. (cancelled)
4. (original) The light guide panel of claim 1 wherein the at least one LED comprises a plurality of LEDs.
5. (original) The light guide panel of claim 4 wherein the plurality of LEDs are strategically placed to provide for even distribution of light.

6. (original) The light guide panel of claim 1 wherein there is a mechanism for reflecting light which escapes at the edge of the plate back into the plate.

7. (original) The light guide panel of claim 6 wherein the mechanism comprises jagged edges on an end of the plate.

8. (currently amended) The light guide panel of claim 2 wherein the opaque portion comprises ~~the spacebar~~ a spacebar of the keyboard.

9. (original) The light guide panel of claim 2 wherein the opaque portion comprises a plurality of opaque portions on the keypads.

10. (currently amended) A keyboard assembly comprising:
a keyboard; and
a light guide panel coupled to a keyboard, the light guide panel comprising a plate for providing the dispersed light and at least one LED coupled to the plate for providing the dispersed light, wherein the plate includes a plurality of optical fibers for dispensing light, wherein the plurality of optical fibers being completely within the plate, wherein when the panel is coupled to a keyboard, the at least one LED is located under a portion of the keyboard such that when the at least one LED is illuminated, the light from the at least one LED does not distract a user.

11. (original) The keyboard assembly of claim 10 wherein the portion comprises an opaque portion.

12. (original) The keyboard assembly of claim 10 wherein the plate includes a clear sheet of material with a printed dot pattern for dispersing light.

13. (original) The keyboard assembly of claim 10 wherein the at least one LED comprises a plurality of LEDs.

14. (original) The keyboard assembly of claim 13 wherein the plurality of LEDs are strategically placed to provide for even distribution of light.

15. (original) The keyboard assembly of claim 10 wherein the plate includes a mechanism for reflecting light which escapes at the edge of the plate back into the plate.

16. (original) The keyboard assembly of claim 15 wherein the mechanism comprises jagged edges on an end of the plate.

17. (currently amended) The keyboard assembly of claim 11 wherein the opaque portion comprises ~~the spacebar a spacebar~~ of the keyboard.

18. (original) The keyboard assembly of claim 11 wherein the opaque portion comprises a plurality of opaque portions on the keypads.

19. (currently amended) A light guide panel comprising:
a plate for dispersing light, wherein the plate includes a plurality of optical fibers,
~~the plurality of optical fibers being completely within the plate~~, wherein the plate includes a

mechanism for reflecting light which escapes at the edge of the plate back into the plate; and
a plurality of light-emitting diodes (LEDs) coupled to the plate for providing the
dispersed light, wherein when the panel plate is coupled to a keyboard, the plurality of LEDs are
under portions of the keyboard such that when the plurality of LEDs are illuminated, the light from
the plurality of LEDs does not distract a user.

20. (original) The light guide panel of claim 19 wherein the portions comprise an
opaque portion.

21. (original) The light guide panel of claim 19 wherein the mechanism comprises
jagged edges on an end of the plate.